

*Type of Respondents:* Small business or other institutions qualifying as small business under OPIC's definition (except farms); individuals qualifying as small business under OPIC's definition.

*Standard Industrial Classification Codes:* All.

*Description of Affected Public:* Small U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

*Reporting Hours:* 4 hours per project.

*Number of Responses:* 50 per year.

*Federal Cost:* \$750 per year.

*Authority for Information Collection:* Section 231 and 234(a), 239(d) and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

*Abstract (Needs and Uses):* The small business application is the principal document used by OPIC to determine the small business investor's and project's eligibility, assess the environmental impact developmental effects of the project measure the economic effects for the United States and the host country economy, and collect information for underwriting analysis.

Dated: March 26, 1997.

**James R. Offutt,**

*Assistant General Counsel, Department of Legal Affairs.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-396]

### Certain Removable Electronic Cards and Electronic Card Reader Devices and Products Containing Same; Notice of Investigation

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on February 11, 1997, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Innovatron S.A., 1 rue Danton, Paris, France 75006. On March 12, 1997, the Commission extended by two weeks the thirty-day period for determining whether to institute an investigation based on the complaint. An amended complaint was filed on March 14, 1997 and a supplement was filed on March 20, 1997. The amended complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of

section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain removable electronic cards and electronic card reader devices and products containing same that infringe claim 8 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,404,464.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after a hearing, issue a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist orders.

**ADDRESSES:** The amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-1802. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William F. Heinze, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2574.

**AUTHORITY:** The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in § 210.10 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.10.

### Scope of Investigation

Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on March 26, 1997, ordered that—

- (1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain removable electronic cards or electronic card reader devices or products containing same by reason of infringement of claim 8 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,404,464, and whether there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.
- (2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:
  - (a) The complainant is—Innovatron

S.A., 1, rue Danton, Paris, France 75006

- (b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served: Thomson Multimedia, S.A., 9 Place des Vosges, La Defense Cedex, Paris, France

Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc., 10330 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46290

- (c) William F. Heinze, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401-P, Washington, DC 20436, shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and
- (3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Sidney Harris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with § 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to §§ 201.16(d) and 210.13(a) of the Commission's rules, 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

Issued: March 27, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
*Secretary.*

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